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LOCAL NEWS.

—Jefferson court this week and next.

—The Sheriff wants t h a t little tax. Read notice.

—A heavy wind storm on Tuesday night.

—The potato crop in the county is bountiful.

—The buckwheat crop in the county is unusually good.

—The Board of County Commissioners will be in session on next Monday.

—Henkel, Craig & Co., of Lenoir, lost a fine horse in Boone this week from colic.

—Read ad of Fire Insurance Agent F. S. Blair on the first page of this issue.

—Miss Nora Elliott, of Mountain City, Tenn., is visiting relatives and friends here.

—See notice of land sale in this issue by D. B. Dougherty Commissioner.

—The cabbage trade is on, and many of our people are busy hauling them to market.

—The lumber is now being cut to enclose the graveyard here. A move in the right direction.

—E. H. Dougherty has purchased the J. P. Hagaman farm on Brushy Fork and is moving there.

—They are discussing the gold and silver question at Prof. Francum's school at Foscoe.

—Judge Green has been at home for several days. He is looking well, and says he is enjoying good health.

—The republicans in Watauga are very busy at present trying to keep their party in line on the McKinley ticket.

—The mother and sister of Mr. John P. Absber, of Mountain City, Tenn., are visiting him in Boone.

—We are glad to note that Geo. W. Council, who has been quite ill for some days, is rapidly improving.

—Miss Dora Clarke, who has spent the summer at the Bryan hotel, left last Sunday for her home in Marion, S. C.

—His Honor Judge Norwood, spent last Saturday night at the Bryan hotel on his way to Jefferson court.

—Solicitor Spainhour and family went to Wilkes county last week to be present at the marriage of a nephew of Mr. Spainhour's at Moravian Falls.

—W. H. Calaway, J. L. Kincaid and Wm. Vaneason are the jurors drawn for the Federal court from this county. Court convenes at Statesville on the 23rd of this month.

—Mr. R. K. Harris, of Hickory, the marble man, was in the county last week taking orders. He put up some elegant work in the grave yard here.

—Just received a lot of Dr. King's medicines, consisting of Electric Bitters, New Life Pills and New Discovery. Trial bottle free. Blackburn and Miller.

—There is to be an election in the county on the 1st Tuesday in Nov. next, on the question of "school or no school." See official notice in another column.

—The following Saturdays are all the chance for you to register: Oct. 3rd, 10th and 17th. Don't fail to register on one of those days, for if you do, you will be deprived of your vote on election day.

—Miss Lucy Jurney, who has been spending some time with her mother and brothers in Boone, left yesterday for Washington where she has a position in one of the Departments.

—Just received our stock of fall and winter shoes and boots, and we ask you to be sure and call and examine them before buying elsewhere for we know we can suit you in price and quality. Blackburn & Miller.

—Our subscribers will remember that court convenes on the 12th of next month, and that we expect them to settle what they are due us. This applies to all who are behind with us on subscription.

—Ruf Henderson, after Mr. Doughton had commented at length on the public record of R. Z. Linney, said in his rejoinder: "I wish Linney was here to defend himself, for I am not able to do it for him." The question is, can Linney defend his record in a way that will be satisfactory to the public?

—The death of old friend J. C. Council, that occurred on last Thursday eve, has cast a peculiar sadness over our little village. During his illness of three weeks it seemed that all possible was done for him, but to no avail. The Messenger came and he had to accompany him. He was buried on Friday amid a number of friends and relatives in the burying ground here.

Weary wives, mothers, and daughters—tired nurses, watchers and help—tired women of all classes should take Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It is the kind they need to give pure blood, firm nerves, buoyant spirits, and refreshing sleep. There is no tonic equal to Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

The fusion that has been effected between the Democrats, Populists and silver party in North Carolina, will elect the silver ticket by a large majority.

The great popularity of Ayer's cherry Pectoral as a cough cure is easily explained. It is soothing, healing and agreeable to the taste, does not interfere with digestion, and is the most economical of all similar preparations. It is prompt to act and sure to cure.

We have instruments for determining the weather, temperature etc., and our attention was recently called to a method of ascertaining the health of a community. To do this it is only necessary to sit for a short time in any of our stores where drugs are kept, and pay strict attention to the calls for medicine by the customers coming in. We notice that just now bowel troubles, such as flux, diarrhoea, etc., are prevalent, from the number of calls there are for Dr. Lytle's Elixir. One would be astonished to see how this celebrated remedy is selling now.

CASTORIA.
The health
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Cast H. Fletcher
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TAXES, TAXES!
I will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of collecting the taxes for the year 1896.
Shawneehaw, township at Lower store, Oct. 7th 1896.
Beech Mt. township, Logie Gap Oct. 8th.
Laurel Creek township, at Antioch Church, Oct 9 h.
Beaverdam township, at Bethel Church Oct. 10th.
Cove Creek township, at Mouth of North Fork, Oct' 19th.

North Fork township at Thomases School house, Oct. 20th.
Meat Camp township, at Norris Oct. 21st.
Baldmountain township, at Todd Oct. 22nd.
Stony Fork township, at Deep Gap Oct. 23rd.
Elk township, at Hamby's store Oct. 24th.

Blue Ridge township, at Laurel Fork Church Oct. 26.
Blowing Rock township, at Blowing Rock Oct. 27th.
Watauga township; at Shulls Mill Oct. 28th.
Boone township, at Boone Oct. 31st.
The candidates will be on hand. Every body come out and take a peep at them: Wm H. Calaway, Shff. Sept. 28th 1896.

NOTICE.
Jacob Mast et al., vs Wm. Younce and wife Sarah Younce by virtue of a judgment of the superior court of watauga county, special term 1896 in which I am appointed commissioner, I will on Monday Nov. 2. 1896 sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Boone N. C. the following described lands, one tract of land situated on covecreek in watauga county where said Younce and wife formerly lived containing about 35 acres, which was purchased from a D cowl es 1882, bounded as follows, beginning on a stake in Reeces line Baileys corner then w 49 poles to a chestnut on top of the ridge, then s 14 poles along the ridge to a spanish oak, then s 24 poles to a beach on bank of the branch then down the creek to mouth of ellisons creek, then s 45° E 61 poles to a sugar tree on the ridge, then with top of the ridge to a stake in Richard Reeces and John Mcguires line, then N to the beginning.

Also one half interest in a tract located in shawneehaw township in said county. Beginning on a buckeye, Potters old corner, then s 25° E 16 poles to a stake, then N 40 poles to a stake, then N 20 poles w 66 poles to a stake, then E 118 poles to a stake, then s 45 E 15 poles to a beach churches corner, then with churches line 93 poles to a spruce pine, then N 45 E with same 26 poles to a spruce pine, then N 15 E 36 poles to a spruce pine, then E with the same 34 poles to a spruce pine and mahogany w B Harman's corner, then s with Harman's line to his buckeye corner N 55 w 56 poles to a sugar tree and chestnut, then 25 w 42 poles to the beginning supposed to contain 120 acres. Also one half interest in another tract adjoining the above, beginning on a large spruce pine corner to the above named tract running N 45 E 26 poles to a spruce pine, then N 50 E 12 poles to some maplesprouts, then w 30 poles to a spruce pine churches corner, then w with a ridge 35 poles to a stake Potters line, then to the beginning containing 10 acres. said sale made to satisfy the judgment in the case which is for \$1,655.29 and interest on same and cost of the action. Title in fee made to the purchaser upon payment of the purchase money and confirmation of sale. Reference is hereby had to said judgment which is duly docketed upon the judgment and minute dockets of the superior court of this county.

D. B. Dougherty, comm'r
CASTORIA.
The health
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To Remove That Tired Feeling, Take
AYER'S
THE ONLY WORLD'S FAIR
Sarsaparilla
Over Half a Century Old. Why Not Get the Best?
AYER'S PILLS cure Headache.

We have great hopes for the election of Doughton for Congress from this district. He is a worthy man, and the silver men will vote solidly for him., and they are in a big majority in the 8th Dist.

If you would always be healthy, keep your blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla, the One True Blood Purifier.

NOTICE.
In compliance with Sec. 1, Chapter 297, Laws of 1895, it is ordered that an election be held in the various townships in Watauga county at the regular polling places on the 1st Tuesday in November, 1896, for the purpose of voting upon the School Law as set forth in said section, which provides for a special school tax of 20 cents on the \$100.00 valuation of property and 60 cents on the poll, in addition to the tax already assessed for school purposes. Those who are in favor of the tax will vote a ticket on which may be printed or written the words 'for school,' and those who are opposed, may vote a ticket on which may be written or printed the words 'against schools.' The judges of election will prepare boxes for the deposit of the votes cast in the above mentioned election. Oct. 1, 1896. W. C. COFFEY, Chm. Bd. Co. Coms.

NOTICE.
The undersigned commissioner appointed by decree of the Superior court of watauga county, N. C., at spring term, '96 in an action wherein W H Bower, L Green, E F and W R Lovell are plaintiffs and Jacob Potter, Enoch Potter and Polly Potter are defendants, will under and by virtue of the terms of said decree expose to public sale at the courthouse door in Boone on Monday, the 2nd day of Nov, '96 the following tracts of land to wit: One tract on the waters of North Fork of New river, in North Fork township, adjoining the lands of Enoch Potter, John Main and others containing 25 acres. One other tract on the waters of North Fork of New river, in North work township, this county, adjoining the lands of J J L Church, Enoch Potter, sr, T H sutherland and others, being the land Enoch Potter sr bought of T H sutherland, number of acres not known and being the land on which Wm John son now lives. Said sale is made to satisfy a judgment in favor of the plaintiffs and against the defendants for the sum of \$97.25 with interest and cost. For a description of said land reference may be had to book 'C, page 402, etc in the office of the register of deeds for watauga county. Terms made known on day of sale. Sept. 21, 1896. W. B. COUNCILL, Com.

Notice of Seizure.
Notice is hereby given that seizure was made on the 10th day of Sept. '96, near Cranberry, N. C., of one cask, containing about 35 gallons of corn whiskey, unmarked by stamps or brands. Any person claiming said property, will file such claim, with bond required by law in such cases, before S. L. Rogers, Collector of Int. Bev. at his office in Asheville, N. C., or J. C. Horton, D. C., at Boone, N. C., within 30 days from date of this notice, otherwise the property will be forfeited to the U. S. under Sec. 3460, Revised Statutes. This Sept. 14, '96. SAM L. ROGERS, Col. by J. C. HORTON, D. C.

THE VIRGINIA FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE CO.
ORGANIZED.....1852.
Paid in losses in last ten years, over.....\$2,000,000.00.
Paid in losses last year over.....\$250,000.00.
Rates on unexposed frame farm houses, with shingle roof, 2½ cents per day, or 75 cents per month, or \$9.00 per year, payable in easy installments.
The names of a few of our most prominent Watauga County policy holders: DR. L. C. Reeves, Jno F. Hardin, B. J. Council, Jr., R. G. Gragg, R. F. Vannoy, J. C. Horton, Mrs. B. L. Council, Wm. Holsclaw, Coffey Bros., A. S. Edmisten, Mrs. M. J. Brady, a hotel, Council Taylor & Co's. hotel, R. D. Holloway, J. B. Johnson, and J. P. Council.
Lee F. Miller, Agent
Sept., 16th '96. **ELIZABETHTON, TENN.**

DON'T BE HUMBUGGED.
Friends you should remember that when you want good goods to go where they do not offer a lot of cheap John stuff at a little price. As common sense will teach you, that good staple goods can't be sold for a song, and when once bought it is money thrown away. I only keep good goods—something that I can recommend; and on this basis I ask your patronage, and I promise to keep good staple goods at a reasonably low profit. I do not mean to sell at cost—like the Cheap Johns say they do—but want a living profit.
In dry goods you will always find the best jeans, domestic, alabance, calicoes, cashmeres, worsted, organicy, Indian linen, black satine, outing flannel all wool flannels, etc. You will find the best coffeys, sugars, flour and other groceries that can be had.
I keep constantly on hand Dr. King's New Discovery, Hood's Sarsaparilla and pills, Ayer's Sarsaparilla, Pectoral, Hair Vigor and pills; Dr. Chamberlain's Pain Balm, Diarrhoea and colic cure, and St. Patrick Pills, Dr. Pierces Golden Medical Discovery, Favorite Prescription and Pills, Thedford's black draught--the best liver medicine on earth and all other kind of drugs kept in a country store.
Just received a lot of best axes made. Grass scythes, snaths, Bar iron rod and band iron buggy spokes, tire and rims, Farmer Friend plow, repairs, Chattanooga hill-side repairs, plow bolts and everything else in the hardware line.
Notions, yes I have plenty, fine box paper and envelopes, note paper and envelopes, ink, pens, pencils, slates, school books, tablets, etc. Collars, cuffs, suspenders, and lots of other notions too tedious to name. When you want goods call and examine prices and quality and I am sure I can please you. I have fine shoes, men's and women's, all goods at reasonable prices. A nice lot of children and misses fine button shoes, and in fact nearly all things you need at low prices. Remember my picture off-r. I have a lot on hand, come and secure one. New goods every week.

Yours Anxious to please.
WILL W. HOLSCLAW.
July 23, 1896.

NEW GOODS! NEW PRICES!
We have the pleasure to announce to the public that our stock of goods is now almost complete, and we will say if you want good goods cheap you will do well to call on us
Hats. Hats. Hats.
Dont you need a Spring hat? If so call on us. You will both feel and look better with one of our late style hats on your head. We have a beautiful line of
Dry Goods and Notions.
which we will sell at rock bottom prices. Don't fail to come and examine them.
Shoes, Shoes, Shoes!
When you want a nice pair of shoes cheap remember we al ways have them. "Money saved is money made." We have saved 15 per cent on the purchase of our shoes and will give you the benefit of it. When in need of any thing in our line of merchandise call and we are sure we can save you money as we have adopted the
"PAY DOWN SYSTEM,"
and do not intend to be undersold by any one. We invit an early and repeated visit and inspection, we know we can interest you. Thanking you for past favors, we are
VERY RESPECTFULLY,
BLACKBURN, & MILLER.

THE DEMOCRAT THROUGH THE CAMPAIGN
FOR 15 CENTS. S'POSE YOU TRY IT?
I LEAD, OTHERS FOLLOW.
Statesville Marble Works.
If you are in earnest about wanting the best Monument or Tombstone, for the least money, be sure to write to me, as I buy direct from the quarries in car load lots. I employ the very best workmen, and to-day I have the largest and most complete stock of Marble in North Carolina.
Satisfaction guaranteed. Consult your interest, and give me a call or write for prices.
C. B. WEBB. Statesville, N. C.
January 24th, 1895.